



What is the Blacksburg Museum Society?

The Blacksburg Museum Society is a volunteer organization that supports the work of the Blacksburg Museum through volunteer contributions to operations, by building community support and developing a strong financial base. The Society is made up of interested individuals who wish to help develop the Museum's collections and programs and contribute to the educational and cultural activities of the Museum.

The Town's Museum Committee and Town Council are in the process of establishing the first Blacksburg Museum. Specific needs for volunteer support will vary and grow as the Museum develops

The committee will soon begin collecting donations of Blacksburg memorabilia and artifacts. If you wish to volunteer and/or donate to the Museum, please complete the form on the back of this brochure and a member of the committee member will contact you.

At this time, the Museum is as much a concept as a reality. However, we have come a long way:

- The Town is in the process of hiring a part time Museum Coordinator
- Storage space is being acquired
- The committee's goal is to work with the Town to make exhibit and office space available in the Alexander Black House, and possibly other sites.

We are asking all who are interested in helping to make the Museum a reality to contribute in whatever way that will facilitate our progress. If you have questions, please contact

Heather Browning, Town of Blacksburg Community Relations Manager at 961-1199 or hbrowning@blacksburg.gov. You may also contact Blacksburg Museum Committee members (listed on back).

How Can You Become a Member?

Anyone may join the Museum Society and there are many ways to contribute to the Museum. Financial contributions are critical to the ongoing operations of the Museum, but so are volunteers. Once the Museum opens, society volunteers will regularly perform important duties such as staffing the Museum, maintaining collections, developing programs and publicizing the Museum. Several membership categories are available as described below.

Membership Categories and Benefits

Single & Family Memberships:

Recognized with a Museum lapel pin and complementary previews of Museum exhibits.

- **Individual** -- \$15.00 annually
- **Family** -- \$25.00 annually. Includes all immediate family
- **Senior Family** (age 55 & above) -- \$20.00 annually. Includes all immediate family (excluding adult children).

Contributing Membership: \$100 minimum annual donation. Includes the above recognitions plus other appropriate acknowledgements, which are developed annually.

Supporting Membership: \$250 minimum annual donation. Includes the above recognitions plus other appropriate

acknowledgements, which are developed annually.

Sustaining Membership: \$500 minimum annual donation. Includes the above recognitions plus other appropriate acknowledgements, which are developed annually, and an annual listing on the Museum Honor Roll.

Lifetime Membership: \$2500 minimum one-time donation to the Museum's endowment fund. Includes the above recognitions plus other appropriate acknowledgements, which are developed annually, and permanent listing on the Museum Honor Roll.

Becoming a member is easy. Just complete the membership form on the back of this brochure. For more information, call Heather Browning at 961-1199.

How Can You Volunteer?

Becoming a volunteer is also easy. Just check the volunteer area on the membership form to indicate your interests. Volunteers will always be needed for a variety of tasks to support the Museum. You are welcome to suggest tasks for which you would like to volunteer (e.g. welcoming staff, preparing exhibits, maintaining the Museum, fund raising, etc.) or be open to all needed volunteer activities.

More immediately, we will need volunteers to assist with organization and development activities such as cataloging, fund raising and public awareness.

Yes, I want to join the Blacksburg Museum Society:

Name

Address

Phone

Email

Individual (\$15) _____ Family (\$25) _____

Senior Family (\$20) _____

Contributing (\$100 minimum) _____

Supporting (\$250 minimum) _____

Sustaining (\$500 minimum) _____

Lifetime (\$2500 minimum) _____

Other (please specify) _____

☐ Yes, I also want to be a volunteer. Area of interest(s) _____

☐ I have items for consideration for the Museum Collections. Please contact me.

Please complete this membership form and make your check payable to the Town of Blacksburg, noting Blacksburg Museum Society on the memo line. Mail to the Town of Blacksburg, 300 S. Main Street, Blacksburg, VA 24062, Attention: Heather Browning.

The Town of Blacksburg is a 501(a) organization. Your contributions will be acknowledged in writing and may be tax deductible. Please consult your tax advisor.

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**Blacksburg
Museum**
at the Alexander Black House
a sense of place and time

